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ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
 FOR WEEK ENDING 08-Oct-05 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	10/08/05	10/01/05
Broiler/fryer	164,454	164,359
Light hens	1,400	1,259
Heavy hens	1,399	1,483

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

	WEEK ENDING 01-Oct-05 (THOUSAND HEAD)		
	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	218	0	218
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	367	0	367
Same week yr ago	410	0	410
To-date/2005	10,340	40	10,380
To-date/2004	9,604	90	9,694

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

Total U. S. fowl slaughter in the U. S. and Canada

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	1,468	1,132	2,600
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	1,596	1,529	3,125
Same week yr ago	1,826	1,573	3,399
To-date/2005	67,612	55,189	122,801
To-date/2004	62,908	52,580	115,488

LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
 WEEK ENDING 01-OCTOBER-05 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
Head	162,749	1,250	1,132	2,382
Avg Wt	5.35	3.45	7.95	5.59
Head sltr comparisons				
Last week	165,401	1,229	1,529	2,758
Same wk yr ago	162,066	1,416	1,573	2,989
Avg Wt	5.35	3.44	8.12	5.90
To-date/2005	6,283,134	57,272	55,149	112,421
To-date/2004	6,107,022	53,304	52,490	105,794

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 165.1 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 164.7 million head or 0.4 million LESS than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 24-Sep-05

	(A) FAST FOOD/FOOD SERVICE 4.20 LBS & DOWN	(B) RETAIL 4.21-5.25 LBS	(C) DEBONING 5.26 LBS & UP
	-----THOUSANDS-----		
Head	24,505	21,549	56,510
Avg Weight	3.78	4.67	6.45
% of total /1	24%	21%	55%
Last week	23,452	23,816	55,827
Avg Weight	3.75	4.65	6.28
% of total /1	23%	23%	54%
Same week, yr ago /2	23,198	20,845	50,155
Avg Weight	3.75	4.74	6.42
% of total /1	25%	22%	53%
To date/2005	1,035,856	854,966	1,870,269
To date/2004	998,423	815,483	1,732,601

/1 MAY NOT TOTAL TO 100% DUE TO ROUNDING

/2 COMPARABLE WEEK

- (A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include Cornish hens.
- (B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.
- (C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 01-Oct-05
(THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG (B)		YOUNG	OLD	
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS	BREEDERS	TOTAL
Head	2,064	2,667	13	8	4,752
Avg Wt	16.68	35.03	25.86	34.51	27.03
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	2,063	2,728	49	7	4,847
Same wk yr ago	1,650	2,615	58	3	4,326
Avg Wt	15.61	35.73	23.28	46.31	27.90
To-date/2005	68,835	100,460	928	168	170,391
To-date/2004	67,339	99,516	2,034	289	169,178

SOURCE: USDA/AMS POULTRY PROGRAMS, MARKET NEWS BRANCH.
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